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SUBJECT: ACTIVITIES OF KENNECOTT IN ZAIRE

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1. ROBERT MCDOUGALL, VICE PRESIDENT, KENNECOTT EXPLORATION, INC., AND RANDOLPH W. BROMERY, CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS, AND CONSULTANT TO KENNECOTT, ARRIVED KINSHASA JANUARY 10.

2. CHARGE AND COMMATT ACCOMPANIED THEM ON VISIT TO BISENGIMANA, WHO SAID THAT HE HAD SPOKEN TO MOBUTU ABOUT THEIR VISIT AND WAS INTERESTED IN THEIR PROPOSAL TO INSTALL THREE RELATED COMPANIES WITH GOZ PARTICIPATION TO MINE, SMELT, AND FABRICATE COPPER. ALTHOUGH HE INDICATED THAT THE GOZ WAS MORE INTERESTED IN THE LAST TWO STEPS THAN IN THE FIRST, HE DID NOT CLOSE DOOR ON MINING. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE KENNECOTT REPRESENTATIVES CONSULT COMMISSIONER FOR MINES UMBA-DI-LUTETE TO SEE ABOUT AVAILABLE CONCESSIONS AND OFFERED TO INFORM GECAMINES AND SODIMIZA OF THEIR PROPOSED VISIT TO LUBUMBASHI.

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3. COMMATT ACCOMPANIED VISITORS TO SEE UMBA-DI-LUTETE,

WHO SAID HE HAD BEEN INFORMED OF VISIT BY MOBUTU. HE TOLD THEM THAT THERE WAS NO WAY TO JOIN FORCES WITH GECAMINES IN MINING, AND THEN INDICATED THAT A THIRD COMPANY MIGHT BE FORMED FOR SMELTING AND FABRICATION. BOTH BISENGIMANA AND UMBA-DI-LUTETE SAID THAT GOZ, AS MINORITY STOCKHOLDER, COULD NOT SEEK TO INFLUENCE SODIMIZA.

4. UMBA-DI-LUTETE ALSO SAID THAT BRGM HAD FOUND INDICATIONS OF COPPER IN LOWER ZAIRE AND IN EQUATEUR. LATTER INDICATIONS WERE MORE IMPORTANT AND COVERED LARGER AREA. HE SAID THAT GOZ WAS ALREADY DISCUSSING EQUATEUR WITH LONRHO AND MARUBENI AND POINTED OUT THAT GOZ USUALLY, WHEN LARGE OPERATIONS WERE CONCERNED, LIKED TO HAVE TWO OR THREE BIG COMPANIES JOIN FORCES, CITING RECENT CONVENTION WITH TEXACO AND SHELL IN SAME AREA.

5. UMBA-DI-LUTETE KINDLY MADE AVAILABLE COPIES OF MODEL MINING CONVENTION AS WELL AS COPIES OF THOSE SIGNED WITH SMTF AND SODIMIZA.

6. VISITORS DEPARTED JANUARY 15 FOR LUBUMBASHI.
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